

Docket No.: 57454-093

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Atsushi FUKUMOTO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 2071
Application No.: 09/843,165 : Group Art Unit: 2824
Filed: April 27, 2001 : Examiner: Vu Anh Le
For: ELECTRICALLY PROGRAMMABLE AND ERASABLE NONVOLATILE
SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE AND OPERATION METHOD THEREFOR

REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION AND OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Status Inquiry
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The above-identified Reissue application was filed April 27, 2001 and a Response to Notice of Missing Parts of Application was filed June 20, 2001. Nearly four years have elapsed since that date, and no Office Action has been received by applicant. A status inquiry (copy attached) was filed September 27, 2004. No response to that inquiry by the Patent and Trademark Office has been received. Applicant's representative has called several times, finally speaking with Examiner Le on March 25, 2005. Mr. Le stated that an Office Action would be forthcoming.

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Prompt examination and issuance of an Office Action are believed to be warranted and respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

The above-identified Reissue application was filed April 27, 2001 and a Response to Notice of Missing Parts of Application was filed June 20, 2001. Since more than three years have elapsed since that date, and no Office Action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application.

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